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the Synthesis of Photo-Realistic Talking-Head Animations"

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 3:

- - Priority Application

The present application claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/820,396, filed March 29, 2001, the contents of which are incoproated herein by reference .--